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LET'S GET SERIOUS

Dr. M. R. DeHaan said, "If the believer would spend half as much time in the Word, in prayer, and in worship as he does in social activities he would set the world on fire. If the average believer would spend as much time with the Bible as he does watching television, you couldn't hold him down." Now to go along with the television we have the Internet, DVD's, etc. How many Christians waste many hours just "browsing"? Then, many are watching stuff that no believer in Jesus Christ should watch.

SERIOUS GIVING

William Carey, the consecrated cobbler, gave \$400,000 to missions (Which was a great deal more than today) during his years as a missionary in India. How was he able to give such a large sum for his day? Carey went to India with a salary of \$250 a year. While in India, he was hired by the government as a teacher in a university at \$7,500 per year. Carey continued to live on the \$250 he received as a missionary, giving all of the rest to the work of the Lord. My Friend, that is what you call dedication! No wonder he was so wonderfully used of God.

EASY PLACE TO SERVE GOD

A Swede was about to start out as a missionary to India when some of his friends tried to dissuade him from going to such a hard place. They said, "It is so hot there you can't survive. Why, sometimes it is 120 degrees in the shade." "Vell," said the man of faith, in utter contempt, "Ve don't have to stay in the shade, do ve?" There have always been some who would like to serve God - as long as it doesn't cost too much! There are plenty of people who don't mind work, as long as it isn't hard work. There may be some "easy" places to serve God, but I don't believe I have seen any. **"Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."** ~II Timothy 2:3.

MONEY AND HAPPINESS

John D. Rockefeller, old and broken in health, said, "I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness. I would barter them all for the days I sat on an office stool in Cleveland and counted myself rich on three dollars a week." Jesus said, **"What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"** ~Mark 8:36,37. You had better put your trust in God rather than gold!